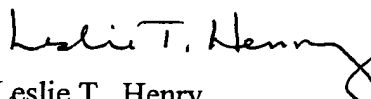


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The specification has been amended to update the cross-reference section to indicate that the present application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/426,568, filed October 22, 1999. No new matter has been added by way of the amendments to the specification.

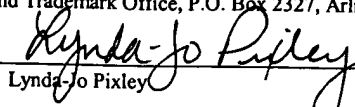
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